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TERRIBLE FLOODS are reported from Europe.

The excitement in Oklahoma is at fever heat.

WILLIAM FERRETT, an eminent meteorologist, died at Maywood, Kan.

The Attorney-General has ordered the second libel suit against the State to be dismissed.

A FIRE destroyed the Ellis Hotel and adjoining buildings at Fort Worth. Loss, \$150,000.

JOSEPH HORAN and two Hungarian laborers were killed by a fall of coal in a Cuyahoga colliery.

The fair ground stable and stock of H. B. Sanborn at Dallas, Tex., were burned yesterday, including seventeen horses.

THE NOVOC 17th of St. Petersburg, supposed to speak semi-officially, intimates that England will be called upon to explain that innocent military picnic on the island of Mytilene.

AN Alessandro paper publishes statistics showing that, during the past year, buildings have been erected in Redlands to the value of \$503,650, and in Riverside amounting to \$431,321—a decided boom for both places.

THE British tin-plate trust is cutting down prices of tin-plate at its mills in Wales. For years the United States has been the greatest consumer from the Wales works, and now that we have begun producing for ourselves the price takes a tumble.

AS the latest report that ex-President Balmaceda of Chile died by his own hand, at Santiago, has been confirmed, those who have been abusing Admiral Brown, the United States Navy and the Government generally for conniving at his escape on board U.S.S. San Francisco, ought to feel somewhat ridiculous.

A KANSAS paper thinks it is only fair to state, that, with the rapid cancellation of mortgages which is going on in Kansas, some new ones are going on record. The present season has been such a profitable one among the farmers of that State that many of them are reaching out for more land and have obtained loans for that purpose. No satisfaction in that for the calamity party.

PRESIDENT ALLEN MANVEL of the Santa Fe, who is now in San Francisco on his annual tour, denies that his company is backing the San Francisco and San Mateo electric railway project, or has any interest in it whatever. He also says that the new line running from Fresno to the mountains is not a Santa Fe project. Thus San Francisco's hopes of a competing transcontinental line are dashed again for the time being.

WILLIAM FOSTER of Lincoln, Placer county, has exhibited at the Auburn fair clusters of a Tokay grape which he claims to have raised from seed. The berries are not quite as large as the Flaming Tokay, the bunches are more compact and are very highly colored, being a bright, transparent red. The flavor is considered by some to be superior to the Flaming Tokay and the keeping quality to be equally as good.

A SERIES of chatty sketches of noted men, commenced in last Sunday's TIMES with the article on C. P. Huntington, and which is to be continued for some time, promises to furnish some extremely pleasant reading. The matter is prepared by a gentleman now residing in Los Angeles, a trained journalist who has seen much of public life and has had a good deal to do personally with the people whom he writes about. The next sketch will be of Calvin S. Brice and after that of Benjamin F. Butler.

A GALVANIZED-IRON receptacle with a tight-fitting cover in which to deposit garbage before placing it on the outer edge of the sidewalk for the city scavenger is declared to be *de rigueur* by the City Council. And the City Fathers are so determined to make it fashionable that they have imposed a fine of \$100 or fifty days in jail or both for using any kind of a slop barrel. The idea of a covered receptacle is all right, but why insist on galvanized iron. Just at a time when we are beginning to manufacture American tin, too!

THE ladies of the annex to the Chamber of Commerce held a meeting yesterday over which the aigle of peace smiled benignantly. All thoughts of disrupting the organization, which had kept the ladies in a high state of tension and turmoil for the past two meetings and probably during the intervening time, were given over, and, after a most amicable and Sorosis-like session, the ladies joined in singing:

"Best be the tie that binds."

The probabilities are, however, that the next time the masculine members of the chamber go off to attend a sugar party or anything that has any sweet ness in it or about it, they will take the ladies of the annex along.

THE San Francisco Bulletin finds a new difficulty to urge against the artificial production of rain. It says:

"We fancy that if Government rain-making should come into vogue more or less legal friction could not fail to result. The rain which is artificially drawn from the atmosphere might ruin the hay and grain raisins in process of drying in another. It is quite evident that if the Government should aim to convert it into a sort of special product, it would have to have some way to settle on which it has now no thought."

In the individual sense it is certain that if a citizen for the furtherance of his own special interests should bring down rain which he has no thought of, he would be responsible to the extent of several thousands of dollars! In that event it would be a dear *fig* tree for the owner, and he would wish heartily that he had cut off that part of it obstructing over the sidewalk before the accident happened. In other words, he would want to sit on his vine and fig-tree, and not under it.

THE Sacramento Bee asserts that "the smooth and only hydraulic miner is Sacramento, and that it is at his work." Is Sacramento getting slicks again?

AMUSEMENTS.

GRAND OPERAHOUSE.—The advent of Nat Goodwin attracted a large crowd last night, every part of the house being well filled and the audience evidently beat upon enjoying itself. The play was *A Gold Mine*, the joint production of George H. Jessup and Brander Matthews. It purports to represent some incidents and characters in English social life, enlivened by the intrusion of a genuine American, who of course, is Mr. Goodwin. The scene opens at the saluting battery, with an English Knight and the society and manners of the most refined. The piece is constructed on what may be termed legitimate comedy lines. It is free from horseplay and in fact from any approach to sensational incident. The dialogue is written well, and Mr. Goodwin's manner of delivery is of great interest to the audience. While he is on the stage the audience is interested, amused and appreciative to the point of applauding the slightest joke, the mildest wit, and the comedian's wit, an unprejudiced observer might see hardly warranted by the occasion. But then Goodwin is very funny, and he has a way of apparently taking the audience into his confidence that makes them doubly amiable. His merriment and easy nonchalance seem to take even his "companion players" by surprise at times. He certainly deserves credit for representing an American on the stage who is not distinguished by the color of the coat or the manner of the way he commonly goes to make up the regular stage type. His "Siles K. Woolfoot" dresses as a gentleman and makes his eccentricities subserve to the tone of his surroundings, while retaining their native freshness.

The play is a poor one. "Siles Woolfoot" act of generosity, which is the main spring of the whole piece, is a deal of remarkable unselfishness if it be conceded that he expected no reward. But it seems pretty evident that the woman he loves from ruin, he must be staking his life in the hope of winning his English lady love, who could be won in no other way. This incident is all there is of interest in the piece, and the "companion players" have little chance to distinguish themselves, except, perhaps, Mr. Howard, who was supposed to represent an Irish M. P., but persistently forgot the little brogue he knew, and sometimes his lines in his box. The play is a poor one, and the ingenue to make love to, was at a disadvantage in having nothing to do but bewail his inability to pay \$10,000 on a few hours' notice. Mervyn Q. Dallas was a very nervous, mild, inoffensive representative of the character of the piece.

Mrs. Mahan, however, took the serious part of the young English widow with whom Mr. Goodwin falls in love, and she looked and dressed the part very nicely. She talked so much however of "America" and "Americanism" that the audience of the character was a pretty and impulsive "Una Foxwood," and the talented Clara Jean Walters made the most of the slight character sketch of "Mrs. Vanderfast," the retired actress.

Tonight *The Notebooks* will be presented with Mr. Goodwin in the principal role. The piece will be preceded by a curtain raiser entitled *Art and Nature*.COMING ATTRACTIONS.—On Thursday night at the Grand Opera House Charles Dickson in *Invog* and at the Los Angeles Theater Hoyt's farce comedy *A Midnight Bell*.

PRICE OF SUGAR.

Comparisons Between Eastern and Local Retail Markets.

Three Cents a Pound in Chicago as Against Six Here—The Effects of a Close Monopoly—Outrageous Extortion.

The article published in The TIMES yesterday morning on the "Price of Sugar," showing how the price of that commodity of general consumption was cut out of all proportion to eastern prices, on this Coast, must have been very generally read, judging from the responses received.

Another communication calls attention to the fact that as soon as the duty was taken off sugar the eastern consumer was given the benefit of it, while those on this Coast the price has remained just the same.

The statement is also made that three wholesale houses in Los Angeles buy sugar in carloads from the China factory—for what reason is not stated.

Of course 2 or 3 cents a pound on sugar looks like a small matter, but when it is considered that it is a necessity and is in daily use in every household in the country, the aggregate is enormous.

As stated yesterday, the merchants of the city say they make nothing out of the article on account of its higher price, the entire profit being retained by the manufacturer, who also gets 2 cents a pound on all domestic sugar; and they further say that they have done everything to get the price reduced, so that a favorable showing can be made in comparison with eastern markets, but have been unable to do so.

The statement will probably be brought before the Chamber of Commerce, so that the whole matter can be ventilated, and, if possible, some remedy adopted.

NOTES AND PERSONALS.

John F. Francis of Cincinnati, O., is registered at the Westminster.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry K. Borden and Edgar W. Wata of San Francisco are at the Westminster.

J. C. Ainsworth, J. C. Ainsworth, Jr., of Oakland, and M. L. Ward of San Diego are staying at the Westminster.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Cecil, arrived yesterday from Denver to visit their daughter and sister, Mrs. E. B. Linda Smith of Lakewood.

Dr. John R. Hayes left on the noon train yesterday for Flagstaff, from which place he will accompany Maj. Powell's party to the Grand Canyon of the Colorado.

Dr. J. O. Peck of New York, secretary of the Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal church in the United States, who with his wife is in attendance on the Southern California Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, are guests of Dr. and Mrs. M. H. Williams, at No. 119 South Grand Avenue.

Angeline Circle No. 108 C. of F. enjoyed a pleasing entertainment last Thursday evening after the regular meeting, when the following programme was carried out: Harp solo, J. Musso; recitation, H. W. Altman; Mrs. McKay, vocal solo; Mr. Ruppert, zithersolo; Mr. McLean, comic song. Dancing followed, and was continued up to a late hour.

A surprise party at the residence of E. N. Parker, corner of Fifth and Hope streets, last Friday evening, was a complete surprise to Mrs. N. Parker, who won by three lengths. Parker's time was 19:20, and Hanlan's 19:22.

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THE ITATA CASE.

Report of the Appraisers Presented to Judge Ross.

The Value of the Vessel and Cargo Put at \$60,000 Each.

The District Attorney Severely Criticized for Breach of Faith.

Eight Supreme Court Opinions Received for Filing—The Plea Street Electric Road—Chinaman on Trial for Murder—Notes.

The appraisers appointed to make an estimate of the marketable value of the Chilean steamship Itata and her cargo of 2000 cases of arms and ammunition, presented their reports to Judge Ross in the United States District Court yesterday morning, the amount agreed upon in each case being \$60,000. The Court thereupon ordered the vessel released upon bonds in double the amount of the appraisements, the same to be approved in open court.

Hon. S. M. White, one of the prosecutors for the claimants of the vessel, took occasion to denounce the action of the United States Attorney in violating the most sacred pledge an attorney could make, a stipulation that the vessel should be released upon bonds, the amount of which, it had been agreed, should be determined by the report of unbiased appraisers appointed by the Court for the purpose. The United States Attorney had allowed his clients to go to a great deal of expense in this matter, and had, in spite of the stipulation, taken advantage of the other side, and had used every means in his power to prevent the vessel's release.

Counsel for the defense in the case against Richard L. Trumbull, George A. Burt and Capt. J. O'Farrell then moved the court for a speedy trial of their clients, which was of course opposed by the attorneys for the government, on the ground that they could not possibly get their witnesses here for some time. The matter was finally settled by the Court, who set October 20, next as the date for the hearing of this case.

SUPREME COURT DECISIONS.

Eight opinions were received from headquarters yesterday for filing in this by Deputy Clerk Ashmore of the Supreme Court.

In the case of the People (respondent) vs. Los Angeles Electric Railway Company, (appellant), an action to disannul the defendant from all rights acquired under a municipal ordinance passed on January 28, 1886, judgment is reversed with directions to the Court below to sustain the defendant in the complaint. In the complaint two causes of action were separately stated: the first being based on the theory that the law does not permit any incorporated city or town in this State to grant authority to any individual or corporation to lay railroad tracks through the streets or public highways of such town or city whereupon cars can be propelled by the force of electric power.

The second rests upon the ground that if defendant had the right to do so, it had forfeited that right by its failure to complete the road within three years from the date of the ordinance granting the right-of-way to construct said road as prescribed by the Civil Code. Since the appeal was taken the Legislature in this case says the Supreme Court, has passed two acts which have an important bearing on this case. By one of these acts, sec. 497 of the Civil Code is so amended as to invest municipal corporations with the power to grant a right to propel cars by electricity upon railroad tracks through streets and public highways. By the other, ordinances passed prior to the passage of said act by any municipality giving such authority are confirmed, ratified and made valid.

In this case there has not been any final adjudication of forfeiture, says the Court. Therefore the act ratifying and confirming the ordinance granting the franchise to the defendant is not an act remitting a forfeiture, but is, in our opinion, an act waiving a forfeiture. It certainly is an act showing an intention on the part of the State that the franchise shall continue in existence and such an act will be considered an absolute waiver of any existing right to enforce a forfeiture of defendant's franchise.

As to the other question presented in the second cause of action, the Court says: "It does not appear that at the date of the commencement of this action the time fixed for the completion of the railroad had expired. The complaint does not state when the work was commenced, and, as we construe the language of the code, the grantee of the franchise and right-of-way had three years after the commencement of the work within which to complete it. And at any time before the expiration of that time such grantee might, with the consent of the authorities granting the right-of-way, abandon the uncompleted portion."

The judgment and order denying a motion for a new trial in the case of Barrett (respondent) vs. Southern Pacific Company (appellant), are affirmed. This was an action to recover damages for personal injuries alleged to have been sustained by plaintiff, through defendant's negligence. The plaintiff, an eight-year-old boy, was playing while playing with some other children upon one of the defendant's turntables at Santa Ana, and recovered judgment against defendant for \$8500.

Judgment is also affirmed in the case of Smith et al. (respondent) vs. Phoenix Insurance Company (appellant), an action upon a fire insurance policy, which was taken up and remanded by the Supreme Court in March, 1890. Similar orders were made in the cases of Smith et al. (respondent) vs. the Pennsylvania Fire Insurance Company (appellant), and Smith et al. (respondents) vs. the American Fire Insurance Company (appellant) they being in all material respects the same as the Phoenix case.

In the case of Etchepare (appellant) vs. Aguirre Sheriff (respondent), the order denying a new trial is affirmed, but the judgment is reserved and the Court below directed to enter judgment in favor of plaintiff. This was an action on a claim and delivery of personal property attached by defendant.

Judgment is affirmed in the following cases: E. G. Judson et al. (respondents) vs. Matthew Gage (appellant), an action on two promissory notes; and Nat Johnson (respondent) vs. King et al. (appellants), an action against the sureties on an undertaking on appeal, while that and the orders in the case of Warner (respondent) vs. Danon (appellant), are reversed.

ON TRIAL FOR MURDER.

The trial of the case against Siet Yuen, charged with having murdered his employer, a market gardener named Wong Fong Deck at his ranch at La Canada on April 20 last, was com-

menced before Judge Smith in Department 4 yesterday morning. Deputy District Attorney Blader, assisted by Messrs. Del Valle and Munday appearing for the prosecution and the defendant being represented by Messrs. J. Marion Brooks and G. Wiley Wells.

The work of securing a jury consumed the whole of the morning session, but the following were finally selected and sworn to try the case: G. W. Adams, W. Ashmead, T. F. Bixby, J. F. Branch, James Chopin, S. K. Jones, F. M. Mathews, A. M. Peck, G. H. Pike, J. Settrig, F. E. Stockwell and C. H. Wright.

After the usual preliminaries had been disposed of, Coroner W. A. Sheldon, M. D., was called to the stand by the prosecution and examined as to his visit to the ranch after the murder had been committed, and all the surroundings of the place where the body of the deceased was found. He was subjected to a very lengthy cross-examination by defendant's counsel, and remained upon the stand all afternoon. His testimony was identical in every respect with that given on the preliminary examination into the case.

SOT A LIGHT SENTENCE.

In Department 3 yesterday morning at Ah Fat, the Chinaman recently convicted by a jury of having attempted to commit the crime of grand larceny, by extracting a watch from Officer Fay's vest pocket one night while the latter was pretending to be asleep behind some bales at the haymarket, appeared before Judge McKinley to receive his sentence. The defendant, by his counsel, requested the Court, before sentence was passed, to send him to the San Quentin penitentiary instead of the county jail, but the court ruled that the defendant was to be sentenced to the penitentiary at all, but would sentence him to imprisonment in the County Jail for the period of three months. He did not approve of the policy adopted by the policeman on the occasion of the defendant's arrest, and had therefore imposed as light a sentence as the circumstances would permit of.

Court Notes.

Herman Sorenson, a Norwegian, was duly admitted to citizenship of the United States by Judge Smith yesterday upon producing the necessary proof of residence here and taking the requisite oaths of renunciation and allegiance, and Judge Shaw performed a like privilege for Hans S. Waller, another Norwegian.

Yesterday being law and motion day in the civil courts nothing of interest to the general public transpired in either of Departments Two, Three or Five of the Superior Court.

In Department Four yesterday the case of O. H. Churchill vs. Cutler Arnold et al., a suit to foreclose a mortgage for \$6585, with interest, came up for hearing before Judge Van Dyke, who granted a decree as prayed for, by default.

The case of S. Risselin against D. Freeman and others, a suit to recover damages for false imprisonment, having been settled out of court. Judge Van Dyke yesterday entered it dismissed and struck the calendar.

Judge Shaw yesterday ordered the dismissal of the case of Eliza Adelaide Cox against the Los Angeles Terminal Railway Company, a suit to enjoin the defendant from interfering with plaintiff's property, the matter having been amicably settled out of court.

The case against Ah Wing, recently convicted of selling lottery tickets, came up for hearing on an appeal from the Police Court before Judge McKinley yesterday morning, and was ordered submitted on briefs.

Joe Cox was taken before United States Commissioner Van Dyke yesterday for arraignment upon the charge of stealing a letter containing \$2 and addressed to Annie Connally of North Vernon. From the Pomona postoffice on August 9 last. He was remanded to the County Jail to await examination.

Felix Las was taken before Justice Stanton yesterday for arraignment upon the charge of grand larceny, preferred against him by E. Rose, who accused him of having stolen a horse. He was ordered to appear for examination on the 25th inst., bail being required, meanwhile, in the sum of \$500.

The preliminary examination into the charge of forgery preferred against Ed L. Baker, a real-estate agent, by O. A. Stassforth, who accused him of complicity with one J. C. Hoy in an attempt to obtain \$4000 from him on a mortgage which the name of Morris M. Green had been forged, occupied Justice Stanton's attention all day yesterday, the hearing being continued at 10 o'clock last night until 2 o'clock this afternoon.

Among the documents filed with the County Clerk yesterday were the preliminary papers in the following new cases:

Samuel J. Fleming vs. E. H. Winans; suit to recover judgment in the sum of \$1700, alleged to be due on an agreement by which plaintiff assigned to defendant all his claims against the Chautauqua Assembly of Southern California for \$2000.

L. P. Drexler of San Francisco and A. N. Harris of Pomona filed a joint petition for the admission to probate of the will of Convers Howe, who died on August 1st, leaving real and personal property valued at \$10,000. The terms of this will the estate is bequeathed to the four sons of the deceased, upon their respectively arriving at the age of 24 years.

Today's Calendar.

DEPARTMENT ONE—*Judge Smith.*
People vs. Ah Te et al.: perjury, to plead. People vs. Ah Sing: perjury, demur.

DEPARTMENT TWO—*Judge Clark.*
State of Marcella J. French, deceased; letters of administration.

State of John D. Walker, deceased; letters of administration.

State of Miguel Narvalas, deceased; probate of will.

State of John C. Fremont, deceased; accounting and distribution.

State of Andrew Smith, deceased; to set aside estate.

State and guardianship of Stephen minor, administration.

State and guardianship of Dreyfus minors; confirmation sale of realty.

Sarah E. Rose vs. Harry E. Rose: divorce.

DEPARTMENT THREE—*Judge Wade.*
People's Home Savings Bank vs. F. H. Barclay et al.: foreclosure.

DEPARTMENT FOUR—*Judge Van Dyke.*
People vs. Ah Sing: robbery, for sentence.

State of Charles L. Dunlap vs. A. C. Shafer et al.: to foreclose lien.

State of W. T. Childress et al. vs. N. H. Keller et al.: to foreclose lien.

DEPARTMENT FIVE—*Judge Shaw.*
James Monroe vs. J. W. Foster: rent, etc. Charles L. Dunlap vs. A. C. Shafer et al.: to foreclose lien.

W. M. Hutchinson vs. Pacific Land Improvement Co.: to foreclose a mortgage.

State of John D. Walker, deceased; letters of administration.

State of Miguel Narvalas, deceased; probate of will.

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Sarah E. Rose vs. Harry E. Rose: divorce.

DEPARTMENT SIX—*Judge McKinley.*
People vs. Ah Sing: robbery, for sentence.

State of Charles L. Dunlap vs. A. C. Shafer et al.: to foreclose lien.

State of W. T. Childress et al. vs. N. H. Keller et al.: to foreclose lien.

DEPARTMENT SEVEN—*Judge Van Dyke.*
People vs. Ah Sing: robbery, for sentence.

State of Charles L. Dunlap vs. A. C. Shafer et al.: to foreclose lien.

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DEPARTMENT EIGHT—*Judge Clark.*
People vs. Ah Sing: robbery, for sentence.

State of Charles L. Dunlap vs. A. C. Shafer et al.: to foreclose lien.

State of W. T. Childress et al. vs. N. H. Keller et al.: to foreclose lien.

DEPARTMENT NINE—*Judge Shaw.*
People vs. Ah Sing: robbery, for sentence.

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DEPARTMENT TEN—*Judge Clark.*
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DEPARTMENT THIRTEEN—*Judge Clark.*
People vs. Ah Sing: robbery, for sentence.

State of Charles L. Dunlap vs. A. C. Shafer et al.: to foreclose lien.

State of W. T. Childress et al. vs. N. H. Keller et al.: to foreclose lien.

DEPARTMENT FOURTEEN—*Judge Clark.*
People vs. Ah Sing: robbery, for sentence.

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State of W. T. Childress et al. vs. N. H. Keller et al.: to foreclose lien.

DEPARTMENT FIFTEEN—*Judge Clark.*
People vs. Ah Sing: robbery, for sentence.

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PASADENA.

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NEWS ABOUT TOWN.

The Latest Happenings at Camp Wilson.

Beautiful Weather on Top of the Mountains.

Substantial Improvements Now in Course of Construction.

An "Old Timer" Writes to Express His Approval—Personal Mention of People on the Move—Brevities.

This is the most delightful season of the year on the top of the Sierras. The air is deliciously cool and bracing, strong with the odor of the pines and other forest trees, and of remarkable clearness. The nights hint strongly of an eastern winter. A brisk walk after sunset in an atmosphere wholly dry makes even the confirmed dyptic feel life is worth living, while the sufferer from any sort of pulmonary trouble is made to feel again the full vigor of his muscles.

Saturday night every tent, and indeed every cot in camp was occupied. Sunday was pleasantly spent by the numerous guests in rambling here and there to the most commanding points, where were obtained splendid views of mountain and valley. Sunday evening was cold and clear and the electric lights in Pasadena and Los Angeles shone with particular beauty and brilliancy. Yesterday morning the coast line was very clearly outlined. For miles out from shore the blue waters of the Pacific glistened. San Pedro harbor, with the vessels of all nations, was a picture to be seen with the naked eye; so also the Redondo hotel and bay, and the Hotel Arcadia at Santa Monica. One of the guests, with the aid of a field glass, picked out a neighbor's child in the Arcadia Hotel.

Work has been begun on the new framing building, which will be substantially built, with special regard to winter warmth and comfort. It will be fitted up as a sitting-room for the guests, and will be open to the public. It will be open to the public. Meantime, a large stove in the dining-room, and another in the ladies' sitting-room, furnish an abundant supply of heat. About them each evening gather the guests and many a jolly story is told and song sung while the hours pass away.

The arrivals of the past few days include the following persons: Mr. and Mrs. W. Cannon, New York city; P. P. Smith and wife, Scranton, Pa.; Miss L. Stewart, Philadelphia; Mrs. C. Stanford, Nova Scotia, Canada; H. C. Hart, San Francisco; L. S. Duarte, Miss Jessie L. Luff, Donald McElroy, H. E. Pratts, J. F. Prince, S. Banbury, H. J. Caldwell, F. Fushia, Nettie Fushia, Aggie Fushia, Bertha Fushia, Letty Fushia, Frank McGarry, Pasadena; Mrs. Bush, Frank, Mrs. Bush, Mrs. Bush, Alice J. Stevens, A. V. Adams, David S. Brown, S. R. Henderson, John T. Tell, Dan McFarland, Albert McFarland; Los Angeles.

MEET WITH THEIR APPROVAL. The following communication relative to the editorial, "A Specimen of the Growler," which appeared in yesterday's issue of this Times, was handed the Pasadena reporter yesterday by a well-known resident of this city.

Editor, Times: Your article concerning the communication of John B. Wood hits the particular case not only, but also a whole class of which it is a type.

Mr. Wood is a very nice gentleman, pays his way, and benefits the community while he does not give vent to unjust criticism injurious to himself and Southern California.

It is evident that the gentleman came here for his health—suffered some consequence of close application to office work. Receiving much benefit he returned to New Jersey and to his former occupation full of praise of Southern California. But now he has probably packed his bags back as soon came to California, seeking our invigorating climate. This time, however, he desires a means of livelihood, or at least some occupation to supplement his means in health. Our life and occupation of entirely different character than that which brought him down, is just what he needs; but alas, these opportunities for those not adapted to soil culture, do not offer at ruling prices the promise of as large returns as those get, who are able to hold the soil. The man of the world of the world to be a tiller of the soil by proxy. It is not too much to ask wealth in addition to a house of cheap lands.

Your article for these reasons meets the case exactly, and the approval of all.

Yours, etc.,

THE COMMITTEE AT WORK.

Yesterday afternoon the sub-committee chosen by the Board of Trade took up the matter of a reservoir site for the storage of water above the Delta's Gate, to look at the lay of the land, so to speak. The committee appointed to look up a possible amicable arrangement between the water company and the proposed irrigation district also held a meeting and forsooth would be impossible to do anything until the relative assessments of city and county were obtained. Mr. Masters was appointed to ascertain what the figures are.

DEATH OF MR. STANLEY.

Chas. E. Stanley, who spent the summer in Pasadena at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Miller, 104 W. Main st., died yesterday at Los Angeles after a long period of ill health. The deceased was a prominent Mason, and was formerly Grand Commander of the Knights Templar of the State of Ohio. The body will be brought to Pasadena for interment. The funeral will be held at 10 o'clock tomorrow morning at Mr. Stanley's residence.

ANNUAL SHOT.

The semi-annual target shot of Co. B, will be held on Saturday next at the arroyo range. The men have been practising faithfully of late and it is likely that the company's average will be raised considerably. The shot will last all day and will be conducted by the brigade inspector.

PERSONALS.

A. Brigden of Lamanda Park was in town yesterday. He reports work well under way on his handsome new residence on the Hill. Miss Rita Sweeney of Los Angeles spent Sunday in town, the guest of Mr. and Mrs. James H. Campbell... F. N. Rust of San Francisco was in town yesterday... Mrs. Dodge and Miss Nichols returned yesterday evening from Santa Monica. Fred Cowley of Los Angeles was among yesterday's visitors.

Theo. Coleman returned from Camp Wilson yesterday evening... Prof. Keyes of Riverside, 104 W. Main st., Vandeventer and his wife are now in residence at Camp Wilson... Prof. John Dickenson of Los Angeles is in town on matters connected with the Throop University... Charley Bowler returned yesterday from Camp Wilson.

BREVITIES.

Yesterday's overland arrived about two hours behind time.

Archaeol. of the choral class was held yesterday evening.

The Committee of Thirteen will hold a meeting this afternoon.

A meeting of the F. and A. M. Lodge was held yesterday evening.

Co. B went through a regular weekly drill at 10 a.m.

Henry Fleetwood of Denver is among the late arrivals at Hotel Green.

A union prayer meeting will be held at 3 o'clock this afternoon at the Presbyterian Church.

Justice Gardner yesterday rendered a decision in favor of the plaintiff in the case of Kendall H. Howes v. C. Morrison.

Rev. J. C. Green, of the Universalists, issued on "The Change of Front of the Universe" delivered in Los Angeles Saturday night in the Universalist Church yesterday evening. The audience was large and appreciative.

LADIES' ANNEX.

White-winged Peace Prevails in the Organization Once More.

A Genuine Love-fit, Where the Hatchet Was Duly Buried, and All Differences Adjusted—Complete Harmony Restored.

White-winged peace prevails in the Ladies' Annex once more. About fifty ladies were present at the meeting yesterday. The president, Mrs. C. M. Wells was in the chair, with Mrs. C. M. Wells as second vice-president, and Mrs. Cushman, secretary, in their places. The treasurer, Mrs. Hartwell, arrived shortly after the meeting was called to order.

The minutes of the preceding meeting were read, and immediately after Mrs. Dr. Wilder arose and, withdrawing her objection presented at the last meeting, to hearing the minutes of September 7 read, called for them.

There was some demurring on the part of one or two members who wanted to know why, if they were considered unconstitutional at the last meeting, they were not at this.

Mrs. Wilder replied that the minutes were not unconstitutional, but the action recorded was. Evidently Mrs. Wilder had discovered that her objection raised a week ago was not parliamentary, and she sought thus to correct it. The matter was put to a vote and resulted in an affirmative. The minutes were therefore read.

At the conclusion Mrs. Wilder moved and Mrs. Winslow seconded that the minutes be amended by striking therefrom all that portion relating to the disbanding of the annex. The question was put to vote and carried, without a dissenting voice.

The ladies then indulged in some very harmonious talk on industries, unfermented wine, pear honey, etc., and in less than twenty minutes from the time of opening, recess was declared.

Immediately on calling to order again, the president again, in view of the recent difficulty, she thought it wise and proper to appoint a committee to confer with the Chamber of Commerce at the meeting of the board of directors next Friday afternoon, and ask for their advice and some information as to what course the annex should pursue in the future. Some of the ladies hardly understood what the annex was organized for, and as they had been invited by the chamber to co-operate with it, it was best to inquire in what way it could assist them. She named as such committee Misses Knight, Mattern, Clegg, Cushman and Lansing, the ladies to represent the chamber.

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